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In the application of:

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CONTROL DEVICES

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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on June 26, 2003. Applicants have not yet received an action from the Patent Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a status report as to when they may expect to receive an Office Action in the above-identified application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Status Request.

However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of this fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 (Ref. No. 39303-20384.00).

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